



The Message Stick

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Future Events

Blue Water Trail.....	30 th September
Navigation Training.....	7 th October
Teemburra Creek.....	14 th October
General Meeting	17 th October
Owen's Creek	21 st October
The Leap Formal Dinner.....	27 th & 28 th October
AGM.....	21 st November



Jimmy Jacky 31.08.2008
Garry has finished his
write up from 4 years
ago! Read On!

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From the Editor

A reminder to all that the AGM will be held on 21st November. All club committee positions will be declared vacant so have a think about if you would like to be part of the decision making process. New faces and ideas are always welcome. Nomination forms for committee positions will be attached to next month's newsletter.

The social walk to Wedge Island last Sunday was very pleasant. We had a lovely morning of walking and it was nice to make it up to the very top of the island. Kathy made it more of a walk by heading up to Andrew's point lookout before returning to the picnic area where we barbequed lunch. It was also great to welcome Kate back after her travels.

Our Publicity Officer is Rob Kollin
robertskool@qld.chariot.net.au
Please email Rob any photos you think would look good in the newspaper.

Items for the next newsletter should be sent to
jennywooding@dodo.com.au
prior to 23rd October

Key to Walks Grading System

Distance	Terrain	Terrain
S = short – under 5km	1-3 = Graded or open terrain, no scrub	1-3 = Easy, suitable for beginners
M = medium – 5-10km	4-7 = Bush, minor scrub, rainforest, Rocks, creeks, rockhopping, scrambling	4-7 = Medium, reasonable fitness required
L = long – over 10km	8-10 = Bush as above + thick scrub, major rock Scrambling using hands, technical	8-10 = Hard, strenuous, fit walkers only

Future Events

Please contact the leader to nominate for all walks

The Blue Water Trail (or part thereof)

Sunday 30th September

Leader Carole Weekes 49546108

Depart : 7am - Meet at the car park near the cafe at the Regional Botanical Gardens

Journey : N/A

Grade : L14

All arrangements are very fluid, depending on how many takers there are and what people want to do on the day. We will meet at the Regional Botanical Gardens and not the usual car park in town. Please bring sunblock, a hat, water and lunch as well as snacks. The day will begin with some walking in the gardens, and

then the River Walk to Canelands, and the Sandfly Creek section. We will then have lunch at Town Beach and either retrace our steps to the cars or complete the other section of the round trip. Come with an open mind and be prepared for a long but easy walk along paths, roads and river banks.

Please phone me to book for this walk and to discuss your preferences.

Navigation Training

Sunday 7th October

Leader: Kevin Smith 4969 6068

This is the practical day for those doing the Navigation Training course. Please phone the leader for more information regarding the day.

**Teemburra Creek
Sunday 14th October**

Leader: Jenny Wooding 49440236,
0447091532

Depart: 7:00am

Journey: 160km \$16.00

Map Ref: Mirani 749517

Grade: M44

Estimated walking time: 4 hours **Total of all uphill sections:** 50m **Pace:** average **Terrain:** uneven terrain **Vegetation:** open forest

Expect: swimming holes.

Teemburra Creek is in the Mia Mia State Forest south west of the town of Pinnacle, and is surrounded by open forest. The walk will take us along the relatively flat banks of Teemburra Creek, mainly following cattle tracks. There will be some swimming holes and a small amount of rock hopping involved. This walk is suitable for everyone so join the leader for a relaxing day.

**Induction 6.45pm/ General Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 17th October**

Downstairs room, Mackay Family Care and Community Support Association Centre 60 Wellington Street, Mackay. Newcomers and visitors welcome. Induction by Dan and Kathy

**Owen's Creek
Sunday 21st October**

Leader: Frances Eiteneuer 4957 6028

Depart: 7:00am

Journey: 135kms \$13.50

Map Ref: Mirani 760286

Grade: M86

Estimated walking: 5 hours **Total of all uphill sections:** 280m **Pace:** average **Terrain:** very uneven terrain **Vegetation:** rain forest **Expect:** mostly rock hopping, scrambles, swimming holes.

Owens Creek is about 14km north west of Garget. It is a most interesting creek meandering through rain forest.

Although this is a reasonably easy walk, it is only suitable for walkers who are confident rock hoppers. We are sure to encounter some wait-a-while, so come prepared.

If numbers permit, we may split into two groups, a fast group and a slow group.

**The Leap Formal Dinner
Saturday/Sunday October 27/28**

Leader: Steven Morgan (4954 0037)

Depart: 2:00pm

Journey: 50km \$5

Map Ref: Mirani 635310

Grade: S86

Estimated walking time: 4 hours **Total of all uphill sections:** 200m **Pace:** average **Terrain:** very uneven terrain **Vegetation:** scrub **Expect:** some steep slopes, some rockhopping, steep scrambles, loose rocks.

It has been a long time since we have done this formal dinner on The Leap. Let your imagination run wild. We take up a light weight table in pieces which we assemble on site, a delicious meal, and our best formal clothes. For guys, this means a three piece suit. We head up The Leap on Saturday afternoon, prepare ourselves for the meal and then enjoy an evening of wining and dining with a view like no other. Bed down for the night on top of the mountain, and for breakfast clean up the leftovers before packing up and heading down the mountain. This is an opportunity to let our imagination and creativity run wild as we think of ways to create to make our dinner as extravagant as possible given that we have to carry everything. How to pack a suit in your pack without crushing it? Could I manage real crystal glasses rather than plastic? How can I make a bottle of the finest wine lightweight? Join us as a diner, or as part of the kitchen crew (any chefs out there). No admission to anyone not dressed to standard. As the meal will be provided, there will be a cost to cover this. Usual National Park camping fees also apply. Due to the nature of the site, there is a limit of 12 diners. Be part of the fun and book now with Steven on 4954 0037 or 0418 882 817. Anyone who would like to be part of the planning team to assist with the menu and food preparation should also make themselves known

ASAP

Previous Activities

Mt Jimmy Jacky Sunday September 2nd

Most of our group of twelve had not been to Jimmy Jacky before, and none of us had been from this direction. We set out from a farm house at Septimus and followed a forestry road up and up the range. We soon left the road and made our way down a ridge, then followed a couple of enjoyable creeks and VOILA! There was Jimmy Jacky. A steep, sharp but short climb bought us to the top for lunch. We could see smoke from a burn off in the Blacks Creek area, not far to the south. Steven and Kerry saw the same smoke from Mt Dalrymple and remarked that they thought we might have been boiling the billy. We varied our route on the return journey covering a total of fourteen kilometers on the day. A perfect finish was afternoon tea (cuppa and home made scones) provided in comfort back at the farm. A big thankyou goes to Rita and Terry for their country hospitality.

Coral

Mt Jimmy Jacky Sometime in 2008 – A previous adventure that never made print

Off we went to look for Jimmy Jacky armed with Coral's precise directions. "Head out as if you are going to Captain's Crossing but turn left before you get there", said Coral.



Just after the "turn left" John's vehicle decides to stop dead in its tracks. All Johns passengers then squeezed into Marie's car, arms and legs hanging out everywhere. Not to worry, only a short distance down the track was a smashed up creek crossing, so we walked from there.

We stayed on the track for a little bit then struck off following a ridge up to Jimmy Jacky. There were a few glimpses of Jimmy Jacky along the way. The highlight was discovering the biggest smoko log in the Southern Hemisphere.

Against all the rules in the Bushwalkers Manual, Coral and Christine decided it would be a great idea to duel to the death using walking sticks high up on a tree trunk. Lucky no one lost an eye. Wendy, not to be outdone by this display of heroics, stole the attention by promptly executing a spectacular swan dive into the dust. One torn rotor cuff later gave her reason to see the folly of her ways.

Once on top we could see Lost Rock and Clarks Pinnacle through the cloudy haze.

On the return journey Coral traced out a perfectly formed arc whilst apparently looking for a fictitious road. A mutiny and a quick 180 degree about face put an end to the exploratory component for the day.

Another rest at the big log was in order prior to the final leg back to the cars. We got back fairly early and there was some talk of looking for "The Palace" (no it's not a pub) to fill in the day.

At this point Clive announces that he has left his camera back at the big log. Knowing that there was the possibility of a photo of myself in it, of course it had to be retrieved. Not wishing to send Clive off on his lonesome through the bush I struck off with him. Fortunately I had already changed into my runners,

I needed them to keep up with Clive's fast pace, obviously he badly wanted to get back those photo's of me.

So it was back to the big log for a third time. After laying down a fruitless sweeping search pattern around the log and immediate environs, Clive and I came to the inescapable conclusion that his camera just wasn't there. A quick request was made via the radio for the others to have another look in the cars just in case.

Turns out the camera was in the car all the time, our resident photographer/movie producer had inadvertently collected it as one of his own, understandable as he usually carries a minimum of six at a time.



Now aware that the search was off, Clive and I ran back. Meanwhile a 500 ton bulldozer had come through and fixed the creek crossing, so the ever thoughtful Dan and Coral had decided to drive across it and pick us up so we would not have to walk as far. The message from Coral via the radio was strict and precise "**Stand still so we can see you!**"

Now I know Clive can walk really, really fast but I don't think he has yet managed to approach the speed of light thus creating the illusion of apparent invisibility. We kept walking anyway and they soon found us regardless.

After returning home Clive later discovers that he has left the very same offending camera in his driver's car. Well done Clive. Now I think of it, I never did get to see the pictures either.

Garry

The Beak Sunday 9th September

Once again we had a beautiful day to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Beak. 17 people drove to Airlie Beach to enjoy a nice day of walking. Unfortunately no whales were to be seen playing off the coast. From the cars we headed down the track, along the beach and up to the lookout. After taking in the views we opted for morning tea. Most chose to sit along the edges of the track but 2 ladies sat on a log to enjoy their break. Dan decided to join them on the log when we heard a resounding crack as the log collapsed under him. Poor Dan was left sprawling in a very un-glamorous heap.



After eating we went off track and followed the ridge down to Cane Cockies Beach, battling the tangle of undergrowth along the way. Quite a few people were enjoying the morning there, having travelled in by boat. The tide was too far out for swimming so on we went around the headland and spent the rest of the morning rock hopping and scrambling our way around to several smaller beaches. Lunch was had at the final beach and we took our time to soak up the atmosphere. We picked our way back up the ridge to the lookout – this proved quite difficult in places as the vegetation had really thickened up. From Coral Beach most of us opted to head back to the cars via the mangroves rather than the track. Some serious beach combing and collecting of



rubbish was done along the way. We scrambled back up the big rocks of the creek to rejoin the track not far from the car park. Icecream and coffee were enjoyed by all before heading home. Thanks to everyone who came along.

Jenny



A Day in the Bush Sunday September 16th

On Sunday the 16th of September we set out from the end of Dalrymple road, heading for Christmas Rocks. On the way down the ridge towards Lineel Falls we took longer as we veered too far to the right. After having smoko in Cattle Creek we made our way upstream to the falls and made a lengthy detour around the falls. We admired several beautiful icy-cold pools and lovely creek scenery. Frances tried the water with an unplanned dip as she attempted to jump across the stream at a spot more suited to long legged people. By lunch time the consensus was that we were a bit short on time so we had to settle on draping Kathy's Christmas decorations over a branch at a creek junction. From there we headed northerly up a ridge. We had to claw our way up the first bit but after it flattened out it turned out to be a good way to link up with the western taped trail, which we followed down a steep section, across Pretty Creek and back to the cars just before four.

Coral

